

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

MAY 7, 2021

WHEREAS, Child Care Aware® of America and other organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 12.8 million children under the age of six nationwide spend some time in a non-parental care arrangement on a weekly basis, which provides critical enrichment opportunities and nurtures development for children of all backgrounds and is a vital building block of our state economy; and

WHEREAS, Childcare providers, mostly women and many women of color, have long been essential to families in our community and our local economy, with little recognition for their labor and skill; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created tremendous hardship for childcare providers during a global pandemic and an economic crisis in addition to a national reckoning on race; and

WHEREAS, Childcare providers in the greater Charlottesville area have continued to meet the needs of families in their centers and homes while risking their health and financial stability to remain open; and

WHEREAS, Childcare providers in centers and family day homes stepped in to support children in remote learning situations, doing all they could to provide space and supports for school-aged children; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; high quality early childcare services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Nikuyah Walker, Mayor of the City of Charlottesville, on behalf of City Council, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2021 as Provider Appreciation Day in Charlottesville, Virginia, and urge all citizens to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work.

Signed and sealed this 17th day of May 2021.

Nikuyah Walker, Mayor